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Rep. Stone Sees Progress as More Troopers Assigned to Highway Safety



State Rep. John “Jack” Stone, R-134th, Fairfield, Trumbull, said ten new state troopers assigned to Troop G in Bridgeport will help improve highway safety on I-95 and the Merritt Parkway.

Rep. Stone noted that a new class of 53 new state troopers graduated on April 13. He said it is the first class in two years and will bring state police personnel up to 1,203, close to the 1,248 level mandated by the legislature.

“Ten new troopers have been assigned to Troop G, which is a significant increase,” said Rep. Stone. “I commend Public Safety Commissioner Len Boyle and State Police Col. Ed Lynch for distributing the troopers based on need, rather than the practice in the past of dividing them among the 12 troops statewide.”

“Rep. Stone noted, “This will lead to increased patrols, in about six to eight weeks as the new troopers complete their field training, working alongside other troopers.”

He added, “This is a major step forward to insure the safety of people on our highways. With the extra personnel, it will enable the State Police to more rapidly respond to incidents and therefore get traffic flowing again.”

Rep. Stone had successfully pushed the state House and Senate to adopt legislation to increase State Police staffing to 1,248 troopers. “Now, there is a strong commitment to fully staffing the State Police,” Rep. Stone said, “and there is a strong likelihood that it will be forthcoming.”

Troop G’s responsibilities include patrolling the interstate highways in southwestern Connecticut, including I-95 from Greenwich to Branford, the Merritt Parkway from Greenwich to Stratford and Routes 8 and 25 connecting the two.

Rep. Stone is ranking member of the legislature’s Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee. He serves the 134th Assembly District of Fairfield and Trumbull in the state House of Representatives.